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METHOD, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
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MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 24, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 6-14, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: